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SUBJECT: BUNDESGRENZSCHUTZ EXPERTS FOR BERLIN

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1. FACT THAT FRG REP AT APRIL 3 BONN GROUP MEETING DID NOT ASK FOR STATUS REPORT ON RETURN OF BUNDESGRENZSCHUTZ (BGS) EXPERTS TO BERLIN STRENGTHENS BELIEF OF FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) THAT FRG IS NOT SERIOUS IN ITS REQUEST BUT SIMPLY RAISED ISSUE, URGENTLY AND ON HIGH LEVEL, AS MEANS OF SHOWING DISPLEASURE AT ALLIED DEMAND THAT EXPERTS BE WITHDRAWN. IN TRIPARTITE SESSION AFTER BONN GROUP MEETING, BOISSIEU FURTHER ARGUED THAT BGS EXPERTS COULD NOT ACCOMPLISH MUCH ANYWAY, THIS LONG AFTER THE LORENZ KIDNAPPING. UK REP (CULLIMORE) THOUGHT IT AWKWARD AS A PROCEDURAL MATTER THAT WE SIMPLY MAINTAIN SILENCE WHEN FRG REQUEST IS STILL BEFORE THE BONN GROUP. IN SECONDING THIS VIEW, US REP ADDED THAT IT SEEMED CLEAR BERLIN TERRORISTS WERE STILL THERE, WERE
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WELL ORGANIZED, AND HAD SOPHISTICATED RADIO COMMUNICA-

TIONS SYSTEM; IF WE WERE AGREED THAT THESE ADDITIONAL ASSETS MIGHT BE HELPFUL, WE SHOULD MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO BERLIN POLICE.

2. TRIPARTITE REPS ALSO COMPARED INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO LAST WEEKEND'S MEETINGS. UK REP SAID LONDON HAD APPROVED SCENARIO PROPOSED REF B, AS AMENDED BY REF A, BUT WITH STRONG PREFERENCE FOR DELETING ALL REFERENCE TO ALLIED CONTROL AND BK/O (58)3 FROM LAST SENTENCE OF FIRST PARAGRAPH OF TEXT IN PARA 5, REF B. FRENCH REP SAID PARIS HAD INSTRUCTED THAT, IF FRG DID IN FACT RENEW ITS REQUEST, MATTER SHOULD ONCE MORE BE REFERRED TO PARIS, WHICH UNWILLING DECIDE IN ADVANCE WHAT ACTION IT WOULD TAKE AT THAT POINT. BOISSIEU ADDED "UNOFFICIALLY", HOWEVER, THAT PARIS WOULD PROBABLY AGREE TO SCENARIO PROPOSED REFTELS PROVIDED THE SENTENCE TO WHICH THE BRITISH OBJECT IS LEFT INTACT. US REP REPORTED NO INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AS YET.

3. COMMENT: SITUATION IS LESS THAN SATISFACTORY. SOONER OR LATER FRG WILL REMIND US THAT REQUEST HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED, AND THE LONGER WE WAIT THE MORE AWKWARD IT BECOMES. ASIDE FROM PROCEDURAL ASPECTS AND CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIP, THE ISSUE DESERVES SPEEDY RESOLUTION ON ITS MERITS, GIVEN SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION IN BERLIN AND POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL TERRORIST ACTIONS. WE PROPOSE, THEREFORE, TO INITIATE ANOTHER EFFORT TO WORK OUT AGREED TRIPARTITE RESPONSE TO GERMAN REQUEST AS SOON AS DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE RECEIVED.
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